

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A tubular filter product comprising an integral tubular body of melt blown fibers formed by deposit of a plurality of the melt blown fibers upon a rotating support,

said ~~formed into a~~ integral tubular body defining an outer surface and an inner surface,
and

said integral tubular body further defining a pattern of cavities.

8. (Currently Amended) The tubular filter product of claim 7, wherein said pattern of cavities comprises recesses defined by the melt blow fibers and ~~are enclosed~~ between melt blown fibers of defining said outer surface and melt blown fibers defining said inner surface.

9. (Currently Amended) The tubular filter product of claim 7 or claim 8, wherein said pattern of cavities comprises ~~comprise~~ exposed recesses extending into at least one of said inner surface and said outer surfaces surface.

10. (Currently Amended) The tubular filter product of claim 7 wherein said pattern of cavities comprises recesses defined by the melt blown fibers of the integral tubular body, with localized regions of the melt blown fibers defining said recesses having areas corresponding to said cavities are of greater melt blown fiber density per unit volume relatively greater than an average melt blown fiber density per unit volume associated with the tubular filter product.

11-14. (Cancelled)